Additional Info!!

- Any person, company or organization that purchases or controls a pesticide is legally responsible for proper use, handling, storage, and disposal. It is illegal to bury, burn or discard a pesticide or its container in a manner inconsistent with instructions found on the label.
- Many products have been banned (canceled or suspended) from use or may be unusable because of age, freezing, contamination or other causes. If you have questions about the use, status or condition of a pesticide, contact the Montana Department of Agriculture at (406)-444-5400. Provide the product's name, manufacturer, and U.S. EPA registration number found on the product's label.
- Pesticides with a missing label or unknown pesticides can be accepted into the disposal program. In most cases, the hazardous waste contractor can characterize the waste at the collection site. Large volumes of an unknown pesticide may require analysis before acceptance into the collection. The participant should be reasonably sure that the unknown material is a pesticide. Any information about the material should be provided.
- The program will collect and dispose of most unusable pesticides and their containers. However, fertilizers, waste oil, paints and any other nonpesticide material will not be accepted.

For more information or registration forms **Contact the Montana Department of Agriculture:**

Phone Number:
406-329-1346
406-587-9067
406-761-0655
406-228-9510
406-652-1917

OR

Pesticide Disposal Program

PO Box 200201

Helena MT, 59620-0201

Phone: (406) - 444-5400 Fax: (406) - 444-7336

Web-Site: http://agr.mt.gov/pestfert/disposal.asp

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WASTE **PESTICIDE COLLECTION PROGRAM**



What are waste pesticides?

Any pesticide (insecticide, herbicide, fungicide, etc.) that becomes unusable as originally intended is waste. Pesticides become unusable when they have exceeded their shelf life, if they were canceled by the U.S. EPA, if they are no longer registered for use in Montana, or they are unknown because labels were lost or unreadable. The program also accepts empty metal containers for recycling or as waste.



Why should I bring in my waste pesticides?

A pesticide that can no longer be used must be disposed in a way that protects human health and the environment.

The longer a pesticide is held in storage the greater the risk of spillage that will cause injury to people or contamination of the environment. Old pesticides, neglected or in poor storage, may be exposed to children, livestock and pets causing serious injury or death. Containers may corrode causing leaks. Fire or flooding may cause pesticide releases that can contaminate soils and groundwater leading to costly cleanup.

To protect your family, pets, livestock, and drinking water you are encouraged to participate in this environmentally responsible program.

How do I participate?

- Complete a Montana Department of Agriculture Pesticide Disposal registration form. The registration deadline is September 3, 2007.
- REGISTRATION FORM: http://agr.mt.gov/pestfert/miscpdf/ DisposalRegistrationForm.pdf
- Once pre-registered, you will be notified of the location and the date of the collection.
- The actual drop off takes less than 30 minutes.

How much will this cost me?

A fee is charged to participate but at a rate usually less than for an individual using a waste disposal firm. Cost is based on weight of the waste pesticide and its container.

- Minimum charge for disposal is \$5.00.
- \$1.00 per pound for amounts of 200 pounds or less.
- \$0.50 per pound for additional amounts over 200 lbs.
- The Department may elect to accept pesticides in pressurized cylinders or that contain dioxin or heavy metals into the program at a higher fee.

For example, the cost to an individual:

Using MDA program:

5 gals X 10 lbs./gal. X \$1.00 per lb. = \$50.00 Using *private disposal company*: \$100-\$500

 Licensed pesticide applicators will receive a monetary credit when they participate in the disposal program. The credit will be equal to the portion of licensing fee supporting the disposal program.

When and where are the collection sites?

Pesticide collections will be held annually in September. Three to four collection sites will be located alternating in each of Montana's three waste pesticide disposal districts. Publicity will precede collections in each district.



- (1) Western Montana 2008 (2) Central Montana 2009
- (3) Eastern Montana 2010

2007 Schedule

September 10 through 15, 2007

Glasgow, Sidney, Miles City and Billings

Will there be any penalties?

NO! The disposal program is a nonregulatory, service program that offers pesticide users the opportunity to dispose of unwanted and unusable pesticides in a safe and legal way that is economical and convenient.

